



State of Arizona
Department of Education

DATE: December 14, 2015

TO: Migrant Education Program Coordinator

FROM: Mary Haluska, Migrant Education Program Director *Mary Frances Haluska*

SUBJECT: **Close Up Program for New Americans 2016**
Application for Migrant High School and Middle School Students

High School Program for New Americans - June 5-11, 2016

Middle School Close Up Program for New Americans - June 19-23, 2016

We are pleased to announce that the Arizona Migrant Education Program (MEP) will again be sponsoring twelve high school migratory students and eight middle school migratory students to participate in the Close Up Program for New Americans in Washington, DC.

Close Up's High School Program is designed to give students and educators an inside look at their democracy in action. Using the nation's capital as a living classroom, participants get a "close up" view of government - interacting with the people, processes, and places that make this federal city so unique. There is also an exciting theatre performance.

Student's day will be filled with countless learning opportunities as the one-of-a-kind program takes you to Washington's famous monuments and memorials. They are given a front row seat to see democracy in action in the halls of Congress, as well as in meetings with Washington insiders and media. It is all designed to help students make a personal connection to their role as a citizen and the issues that churn debate in Washington, DC. They will visit Capitol Hill and meet with their representatives in Congress for a question and answer session. At the end of the high school program there is a banquet and dance. These two events do not take place during the Middle School program.

During **Close Up's Washington Middle School Program**, students will learn and achieve more than they ever thought possible. They will visit the famous monuments, memorials and museums that make this city great and connect the ideas of our Founding Fathers to how our country works today. Some of the highlights of the trip include a visit to the National Air and Space Museum, a walking workshop of Capitol Hill, and an afternoon at Arlington Cemetery and the National Archives.

Each night, the students and their teams will take part in activities, discussions, and debates to reinforce what you learned and experienced that day.

Student selection will be made on mobility and eligibility in the migrant program, the student's essays, reference letters, extra-curricular activities, community service and academic standing.

The migrant education program will cover all program costs except for the student's "spending money."

Please complete the attached forms and return them by **5:00PM on February 23, 2016**. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please mail the completed packet to:

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